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Greetings

I take great plasure in presenting you this catalogue for the season of 1927 and wish to thank my many friends and patrons for the large number of testimonial letters which have been a source of pleasure and gratification to me and regret that space will not allow me to publish all of them here. A satisfied customer is my best advertisement. Therefore in soliciting your patronage I wish to earn your confidence by fair dealing.

I have discarded a number of varieties from last season's list and after trying out a large number of new varieties the past season, I have added only those that have shown superior merit. Regardless of descriptions which in most cases are the originators, this list contains varieties that have given satisfactory results and should do likewise for you. Again thanking you for past favors and assuring you that future orders will receive the same careful attention that I have always enjoyed showing my customers.

Very sincerely yours,

THOS. H. HUGHES.

A Few of the Many Unsolicited Testimonials

Writers names will be furnished on request.

A gentleman in Rhode Island writes:

June 3, 1924.

Your letter and plants plus tubers received O. K., and all appear to be healthy and good. I have been buying dahlias for over 20 years and have had one case where every feature of the trade was satisfactory or 100%. In this case of my trade with you I think you exceed that, so for all around satisfaction I will have to mark you 100 per cent plus. Many thanks for the extras.

Very truly yours,

A gentleman in Virginia writes:

May 25, 1924.

Dear Mr. Hughes:

I am delighted with the dahlia tubers which arrived yesterday afternoon, because I have never received healthier looking or better cut tubers from anyone. I have received some tubers about which I am exceedingly doubtful, but your tubers look healthy and just right to me.

YAKIMA, WASH.,

A. A. AMES,

June 27, 1924.

You growers and dealers are blessed with many complaints but meagre praise—hence this letter, for you are to be congratulated on the shipment of plants received from you.

To ship this distance is a test to which some are not equal but yours came through in fine condition.

And a word, too, as to quality of plants. They could not be improved upon—had not been forced, had a fine root system and baby bulbs already formed—all so essential to a good plant. They commenced to grow as soon as set out and I did not lose one plant of the entire shipment.

Experimenting as I did this year with plants from several reliable growers I might say, in closing, that those received from you were amongst the best and you are most certainly entitled to this letter of commendation.

Cordially yours,

A. A. AMES.

Dear Sir:—

A gentleman from Pennsylvania writes:

June 4, 1924.

Plants received on Monday in perfect condition and am very much pleased with them. Must say that the quality of the plants, the method of packing and condition of arrival is the very best I have ever received from any grower. Also your courtesy and promptness in correspondence and filling of order is much appreciated.

Beaver Lodge Nursery,
Shell Lake, Wis.

March 24, 1925.

My dear Mr. Hughes.

I received your most generous count of tubers which you sent me in place of the ones that did not do well.

I do not hesitate to say that yours is the most fair business deal I ever experienced and am glad to recommend you to anyone looking for more than a fair deal.

I also thank you for the bulletin you were kind enough to send me.

Yours most sincerely,

Charles Schrall.

R. L. Melick,
Williamsport, Pa.

June 12, 1925.

My Dear Mr. Hughes:

The eighteen plants received from you this spring were all received in perfect condition and you certainly are a wizard in the growing of Dahlia plants. How you grow such short, sturdy plants, all with perfect foliage and wonderful tuber growth is beyond my comprehension.

Thanks for your kind and generous treatment.

Very respectfully,

R. L. Melick.

From Northern Massachusetts.

June 14, 1925.

My Dear Sir:—

Plants received in first-class condition due to the fine manner that they were packed. I have been growing and buying Dahlias for over forty years and have never received any in so fine condition. You have a way of your own. The method of packing could not be improved upon. I appreciate very much the courtesy you have shown me and I thank you and wish you great success this year and many years to come.

Yours very truly,

From London, Ontario, Canada:

May 23, 1925.

Thos. H. Hughes, Esq.:

Dear Sir:—

Received my shipment of dahlia plants today in excellent condition. Surprising how fresh the plants were. A short time in water and they looked as if they never travelled from Massachusetts. The tubers too are O. K. I am more than satisfied with the whole order and your generous extras.

Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

A lady in Massachusetts writes:

June 12, 1925.

Dear Sir:

Your package containing my order of green plants arrived June 3rd. As the Parcel Postman stopped here my thermometer registered 102 degrees, yet the little plants were in first-class condition. I thought I had seen good packing of green plants before, but your method is better than any others that have come to my notice. Thanks for your very generous extra tubers.

Yours truly,

A FEW HINTS AS TO ORDERING

Order Early. To give entire satisfaction, let me suggest early ordering. The stock of choice varieties is often limited, and cheaper varieties are in great demand.

No changes or substitutes are made in any orders unless requested to do so.

If you do not find the variety you want in this list let me quote you.

New varieties are being tested annually and only the very best are added to the list.

Guarantee. While every care is exercised at digging, planting and packing that none should be mixed, no guarantee is given, other than to replace any stock that may prove not true to name. All prices and quotations are subject to stock being unsold.

All orders from unknown parties must be accompanied by remittance or reserve orders must be covered by 25 per cent. of the amount of the order.

All prices in this list are for bulbs or plants prepaid to your address. All varieties listed at \$1.00 plants will be same price. No plants furnished of varieties listed below \$1.00.

Forwarding—We ship tubers at the planting time unless otherwise requested.

This list cancels all previous prices.

GREEN PLANTS

I strongly recommend green plants such as I furnish. They are nice strong stocky plants and will give equally as good satisfaction as tubers. My method of packing insures your receiving them in first class condition. Green plants are much less liable to become diseased than roots. It is seldom necessary to thin out the stalks when green plants are used, and they will as a rule produce as good or better flowers, as well as better tubers, which are generally cleaner and more free from disease. All plants are hardened off in cold frame and will be ready for shipment after May 15th. I have received very fine reports on plants I sent out last season. Price of plants will be one-half that of tubers unless where otherwise stated.

I guarantee the safe arrival of plants, if they are damaged in transit I will replace at once or refund the purchase price. Plants sent by parcel post are prepaid to your address. If you wish them forwarded by first class mail please send 25 cents for special handling stamp.

CULTIVATION OF DAHLIAS

Dahlias are easily grown, requiring no special soil, or treatment, to bring them to perfection. They love an open sunny location, but succeed in partial shade. Prepare the soil thoroughly by digging 12 to 18 inches deep, possibly in the fall and then again in the spring, before planting.

If the soil is poor, work in some well-rotted stable manure, or artificial fertilizer, but don't over-do this.

Dig the holes 3 feet apart and about 6 inches deep; drive a stout stake in each hole, and lay the tuber down flat with the eyes to the stake, and cover with two to three inches of fine soil, leaving the hole to be filled after the plant comes up.

Plant any time between April 1st and June 15th.

When the plants have made their third set of leaves, cut out the top, to make them branch.

The most important thing from now on is hoeing and cultivating the soil, until the buds appear; then give the beds a good mulching of manure, to keep the ground moist; and water the plants thoroughly once or twice a week.

To have large blooms, it is absolutely necessary to disbud; that means, to cut off all the side shoots on each stem above the first or second set of leaves, but being sure to leave the sprouts near the base of each stem, so as to insure a new crop of blooms. Tubers should be stored in a dry cellar or basement, cover them with dry sand or soil to keep them from shriveling. Divide the tubers in the spring after the eyes show plainly, being careful that each tuber has an eye, cover them again and keep dry until planted.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR EARLY BUYERS

With all orders of \$5.00 or over, mailed before March 1st, 1927 you may select anything in my catalogue up to 50 cents in value.

With all orders of \$10.00 or over, mailed before March 1st, 1927 select up to \$1.00 in value.

With all orders of \$25.00 or over, mailed before March 1st 1927 select up to \$2.50 in value.

I reserve the right to substitute any other variety of equal value should the stock be exhausted of the varieties you select. These offers are made in appreciation of receiving your orders early, and will facilitate filling them as many orders come in at busy season.

Address all orders to

THOS. H. HUGHES

78 Brownell St., New Bedford, Mass.

Dahlias of Recent Introduction and Varieties of Special Merit

Alice Whittier. (H. C.) (Reed). The color of this beauty is a heavy primrose or sulphur yellow. The flower is evenly built with long spike-like petals from 5 to 6 inches deep and 9 to 10 inches in diameter without forcing. The plant is tall, growing 6 to 7 feet covered with immense flowers glowing in the sunlight. The flowers have good substance and will keep for days after cutting. Winner of the President's Cup at the Boston Dahlia Show 1924 for best Seedling of New England origin never before exhibited. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

Gilda Gray. (Dec.) (F & M) Petals of this decorative are of a pure lilac color shading to a deep Tyrian Rose toward center of flower, this deepening of color gives the effect of great depth and looks as though an artist had overlaid the original petals with velvet, if this were possible. Slender stiff stems. A very striking flower that is hard to describe. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.50.

Margaret Woodrow Wilson. (Dec.) (F. & M.) A large decorative dahlia having broad petals well placed, terminating in points, making a very thick flower. Color, opalescent pink (meaning the reverse of petals are so colored as to reflect a pink tone to the whole flower.) Flowers held well out of dark green foliage on perfect stems. Medium height plant. Awarded certificate of Merit by Dahlia Society of New Jersey, 1925. April 1st delivery. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

Sanhican's Magnate. (Dec.) (F & M) As the name indicates, this is one of the big fellows of the Dahlia Kingdom. Exhibition decorative of pale amaranth face tinged with a deeper amaranth pink, reverse of petals a solid claret color, heavily veined. The large flowers are held erect on very stiff stems, profuse bloomer, medium height plants, dark green foliage. Awarded Certificate of Merit by D. S. of New Jersey 1925. Tubers \$6.00. Plants \$3.00.

The Bandit. (H. C.) (Reed.) Color spectrum red with backs of petals buff yellow. A striking flower. Flowering habit profuse; stems erect, carrying flower on top, score 88. Second highest scoring dahlia at Storrs 1924. First prize winner in Nebrask, 1925. Award of Merit New Brunswick, N. J., 1925. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

Italian Sunset. (Dec.) (Beatrice.) This wonderful novelty, originated by Chas. A. Beatrice of Sharon, Mass., is the most striking and sensational Dahlia I have yet seen. It is very hard to describe, being possessed of many bright colors. This large decorative, is a cream to yellow back-ground, with shades of mauve-pink, orchid, rose and cerise, all blending and radiating from a full center. In the hottest weather some of the flowers are likely to come lighter in color. Any of you who have had the pleasure of seeing an Italian sunset can picture this beautiful dahlia as it stands erect on long, straight stems. It is a vigorous grower, and has a different leaf formation. Size of flowers 8 to 10 inches, which last well when cut, making it ideal for exhibition. Won first prize at Boston Show Sept. 12-13, 1925 for best vase of Seedlings, not yet in the market. Tubers \$15.00. Plants \$7.50.

America's Glory (Dec.) (Beatrice.) In this we have a grand Fancy Decorative dahlia. The color is a light bright scarlet, evenly tipped purest white, has never produced any solid colored blooms, extra fine long, stiff stems, which hold the full-centered blossoms measuring 7 to 10 inches perfectly upright. A clean growing plant which requires very little if any disbudding, and is a great attraction in the garden. Plants only \$7.50.

Roman Eagle. (Dec.) (F & M) A flower that is typically an Autumn shade which has helped make the dahlia "King of the Autumn Season". Large exhibition decorative of a flaming, brilliant burnished copper, one of the most admired dahlias in all of the Eastern shows. Medium height plant. Awarded Certificate of Merit by D. S. of New Jersey, 1925 with score of 89. Tubers \$4.00. Plants \$2.00.

Elite Glory. (Dec.) (Kennedy.) A most sensational Dahlia. It is a monstrous flower of a brilliant rich red color, without any apparent purple or maroon shading. Its blooms and foliage are gigantic in size, and strange to say, not awkward in appearance, but very pleasing and graceful. Elite Glory is regarded as a "Break" in the Dahlia World, and cannot be surpassed for spectacular effect, either for exhibition or garden purposes. One of its many good features is its keeping quality as a cut flower. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Rose Fallon. (Dec.) (Harding.) The world's best dahlia and we don't mean maybe. Giant old gold decorative, finest form and type; excellent stems which carry the enormous flowers quite erect. The most outstanding variety at the recent New York show. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Eagle Rock Sunshine. (C.) (Broomall) Since the introduction of Ambassador nothing has been offered to compare with this great cactus dahlia. The color is a deeper shade of yellow than Sunny South, the flowers are larger and are held perfectly erect on strong stems, it shows no tendency to become pendant under the most unfavorable conditions and produces blooms full to the center until frost. Plants \$5.00.

Miraflores. (C.) (Broomall.) White tinted violet pink, the petals are long, straight and rather narrow. This variety might almost be called a giant Delicatissima, the flowers eight to ten inches in diameter are borne profusely on first class stems, there is nothing like it in dahlias. Plants \$3.50.

Marion Broomall. (H. C.) (Broomall.) Pink and white, descendant of Gladys Sherwood. It is more cactus in shape than Gladys Sherwood with better stems and habit. A beautiful flower. Plants \$5.00.

Amarillo Grande. (H. D.) (Broomall) Light yellow. Compared with Sunny South the petals are more broad and the flowers are much larger; in fact, they are enormous and are produced in abundance. Plants \$3.50.

Primula Rex. (Dec.) (Broomall) Very light cream or primrose color. The flowers are immense with every good quality, far ahead of anything in its class and color. This variety attracted a great deal of attention at the New York Botanical Gardens and the A. D. S. Show. Plants \$3.50.

Mrs. Frances E. Bullard. (Peo.) (Broomall.) Beautiful light pink flowers of immense size and borne on good, strong stems in the greatest profusion. Blooms are extra deep and full for a peony dahlia. Plants \$3.50.

Sultana. (Dec.) (Beatrice.) A giant decorative dahlia, the predominating color is tan with rose and mulberry shading showing at all time. A prolific grower and free bloomer of immense flowers that can easily be grown ten to twelve inches in diameter. Plants \$7.50.

Nature's Jewel. (H.C.) (Beatrice.) A dainty orchid pink hybrid cactus, a prolific grower and free bloomer of flowers seven to nine inches on good stems. Plants bloom early and continue until frost. It has good substance, making it an ideal cut flower, also a good tuber producer either from tubers or plants. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

- Mrs. J. J. Marshall.** (Hyb. D.) (Marshall). We have here one of the largest and best Hyb. Dec. ever grown. Color old gold or deep golden orange. A constant bloomer being at its best in September. Carried erect on long stiff stems. Excellent for exhibition or commercial purposes. Tubers \$5.00 net. Plants \$2.50 net.
- The Telegram.** (Dec.) (Marshall) This is a wonderful novelty. The color is a deep orange tipped white, the plants are sturdy and free flowering. This is the most attractive dahlia we have ever grown. Greatly admired in the garden, pinch and disbud for large flowers. Tubers \$5.00 net. Plants \$2.50 net.
- The Surprise.** (Dec.) (Marshall.) The color of this dahlia is difficult to describe. Would say a deep rich wine shade. Very large and deep with long stiff stems, fine for exhibition on account of its size and admirable for garden because of its freedom in producing flowers. Tubers \$5.00 net. Plants \$2.50 net.
- The Lemonade.** (Dec.) (Ward) Yellow dahlias are becoming quite plentiful but in this we have the very best we ever saw and think it almost perfect. Color pale lemon yellow. An exhibition flower of vigorous growth, excellent stem free flowering and flowers remain very large all season. New Tuber \$10.00 net. Plants \$5.00 net.
- Jersey's Sunshine.** (Dec.) (Waite.) **New 1926**—Light greenish yellow, the large flowers are borne on long stiff stems. A splendid addition to the Jersey family. A. D. S. Certificate of Merit, Storrs, Conn., 1925. Plants \$5.00.
- Jersey's Ideal.** (Dec.) The color of this beautiful variety is best described as lavender pink, although sometimes it is nearer lavender. Flowers face upward on top of the stem, the long petals drooping over the stem, make a flower of great depth. A vigorous grower, free bloomer, and an ideal stem. One of the best of last year's introductions. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.
- Jersey's Empress.** (Dec.) Color is rich anthracene violet. Large flowers of pleasing formation and great depth. Narrow, wavy petals. Practically sunproof. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.
- Glory of Monmouth.** (Dec.) (Kemp.) Eosine pink, shading to strawberry pink at center of petals. Base of petals light orange, a new color combination in dahlias. The plant is semi-dwarf in habit, wide spreading and very sturdy. The flowers are on long, very strong stems (6 to 8 inches in diameter and over 4 inches in depth). The flowers are produced in great profusion and take

about 10 days to open fully to center. The texture of the perfect decorative petals is very rich and pleasing. Glory of Monmouth is a wonderful garden and exhibition variety and due to its heavy texture I have found it to be as good a keeper as any dahlia in existence. If you want a beautiful new dahlia, I recommend it highly. Plants only \$5.00.

Altamont. (Kemp.) Rose pink, deepening to American Beauty rose toward the center of the flower. The flower is large, averaging eight inches and over in diameter, full Decorative type, with long slightly curled petals, giving the individual blooms a very artistic finish. The flower is practically sunproof, and is never unsightly even when much past its best. Its tall growing habit, with its long slender stalks makes it possible to cut the bloom with stems four feet in length. A splendid keeper and one of the best exhibition varieties ever originated. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

Adda Patterson. (H. C.) (Kemp.) One of the best, if not the best white Hybrid Cactus Dahlia to date. The flowers are pure white, and average 8 to 9 inches in diameter. The plant is a beautiful grower, reaching a height of 7 feet. The large blooms are held well above the foliage on stiff stems that can be cut four to five feet in length. A splendid keeper, and equally good for exhibition and decorative purposes. An all around white Dahlia that will win in the keenest competition. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

Golden Fleece. (Dec.) (Seal) An exceptionally magnificent blossom of a rich creamy, golden yellow with a satiny sheen, frequently tipped with white giving it a silvery frosted appearance. When the flower is viewed from the side a suggestion of pink in the veining on the reverse of the petals sets the flower aglow as though lighted from within. Golden Fleece is one of the fullest and heaviest blossoms we know of and of unusually beautiful formation with perfectly closed centers, and lasts indefinitely on the bush. It is a fine cut flower as the soft rich tones blend well with other colors. The stem is long and strong, holding the flower high above a medium tall bush. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Pride of Stratford. (D.) (M. & S.) Predominating color, cadmium orange shading to light orange yellow at the base of petals' reverse rose doree. Very large flowers, held erect on strong stems. One of the best of last seasons introductions. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Robert Scott. (Dec.) A very beautiful apricot yellow with rose shading and extra large bold flower, excellent stems and a fine bloomer. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

W. J. Erwin. (Dec.) No doubt this is the best lavender purple dahlia ever produced. It surely has size, the best of stems and is a very free bloomer. This is a dahlia everybody likes and a prize to have. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

Casper G. Ware. (Dec.) (Dahliadel.) Flowers are large, usually 8 to 10 inches across, regularly formed and produced profusely on strong stems. Color bright clear violet rose. To those looking for a real novelty we can heartily recommend this variety, as it has exceptional exhibition and commercial qualities. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

Herald-Tribune Elite. (Dec.) (Kennedy.) A rich pure white decorative of splendid form and wonderful keeping qualities—on extra fine stems. The plants are thrifty growers with heavy dark green foliage. Plants \$3.50.

Harry Mayer. (Dec.) (Seltsam.) A great decorative dahlia of pale rosaline purple, reverse of petals veined with a deeper shade. The blooms are of fine formation are very large and held erect on stiff stems on medium height plants carrying four to six exhibition blooms at a time. Tubers \$15.00 net. Plants \$7.50 net.

Alexander Pope. (H. C.) (Strobel.) This dahlia is a giant hybrid cactus with a long stem, which does not bend, can be grown with equal success in half shade as well as full sunshine. It is one of the few large dahlias that does not burn and it will last nearly a week when cut. Color is a beautiful shade of crimson, reverse of petals magenta. The petals have a metallic luster and twist showing reverse, center is almost black. A striking characteristic of this large hybrid cactus is its great depth, often six inches. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

Fort Washington. (Dec.) (Rindfleisch.) The immense flowers of this variety are produced on plants eight to ten feet high. The color is a dark mahogany red. The plants are very robust and will grow equally as well from plants as from tubers. This I think is the largest dahlia in its color class yet produced. Plants \$5.00.

Marmion. (Dec.) (Tyler.) In this new novelty we have one of the largest in the garden. The color is pure golden yellow with bronze suffusion on the reverse of petals and a deeper bronze tone on the high center and outlining each petal. The stems are good and hold the immense blooms gracefully above the sturdy plant. Plants \$5.00.

Miss California. (Dec.) (Pellicano.) A large flower, perfectly formed and beautiful in color. Known as oriental fuschia, the bushes grow tall and the blossoms are very freely produced on strong stiff stems. A fine cut flower as well as for exhibition. Plants \$2.50.

Queen of the Garden Beautiful. (Dec.) (Burns.) A gigantic lemon colored decorative of perfect type. A flower that fulfills the dream of dahlia lovers. One of the largest of all dahlias, measuring from nine to twelve inches across, and five to six inches deep, grown without forcing. The stems are unusually strong and it is a wonderful keeper. This dahlia has won many prizes including the Samuel W. Heller Prize in California, scoring 94 points. Plants \$5.00.

DAHLIAS OF SUPERIOR MERIT

Al Koran. (Dec.) Yellow suffused with golden rod and amber. The petals of this flower have the marcelle wave which makes it very attractive. A great prize winner and should be in everybody's collection. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

Amun Ra. This immense decorative of an entirely new formation, resembles in color a glorious setting sun. The outer petals of the mammoth blooms are of gorgeous shades of copper and orange, shading to gold and amber, and deepening, in the large, full center to a rich, dark, reddish bronze. The stems are wonderful—erect and stout—and hold the immense blossoms well above a strong, vigorous plant. Tubers \$1.00.

Ambassador C. (Cac.) The color is soft yellow buff, shaded salmon-pink; flowers of pleasing form, and enormous size. The splendid flowers are held erect well above the foliage on the strongest stems I have ever seen on a Cactus Dahlia; nothing better has ever been produced than this American type of Cactus Dahlia. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

Avalon. (Dec.) (Broomall.) Pure clear yellow. The large flowers are very distinct and pleasing in shape. Always full to the center and produced in great abundance on long strong stems. This flower has every good quality, a remarkable good keeper which makes it a fine cut flower as well as for exhibition. Tubers \$1.50. Plants \$1.00.

Alice M. Longfellow. (F & M) Hybrid cactus. This dahlia was named in honor of the youngest daughter of our beloved American poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Color a blending of shrimp pink, shading to pale gold at center of flower, each petal tipped with pale pink, shading to white. Very floriferous, dark green foliage medium to dwarf growing plants. A dahlia that is chosen by all who love sheer beauty. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Ballet Girl. (Cac.) The highest English type of cactus, but with a better stem than most of those imported. The biggest percentage of the flowers are orange with a white edge, but there are pure orange blooms, white flowers shading to orange, white flowers, edged orange and other variations all on the same bush. All are beautiful and very large. Free-flowering and excellent center to the end of the season. Nothing better for exhibition. Tubers \$1.00.

Ben Wilson. (Dec.) A new variety which attracts attention wherever shown. The color is rich velvety red, each petal having just a tip of yellow, the amount of yellow varying according to conditions. The plants are good growers and bloom profusely. Tubers \$2.00.

Bertha Jost. (Dec.) Base deep sulphur. Outer petals blended with peach pink, the center tinted with burnt orange. A very handsome, free-flowering large dahlia, carried on long stiff stems, and a wonderful keeper when cut. One of the most admired varieties I grew last season. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Black Jack. (Dec.) (Dressle and Hodgden.) An extremely large flower on very strong stem. The color is a deep velvety maroon, almost black, which does not sunburn. Plants are tall and robust and filled with bloom throughout the season. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

Bob Pleuse. (H. C.) (Superior.) This is a very attractive variegated dark red almost maroon. Tipped white, a pleasing combination of colors. Blooms average six to seven inches. Plants are medium height and very free bloomers. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

Champagne. (Dec.) One of the largest Dahlias ever originated. A massive flower standing upright on a long stiff stem. Coloring is rare—a dull golden varying to chamois and showing more color later in the season. The tall bushes covered with these immense blooms command attention. This unusually colored Dahlia is excellent for exhibition and cutting. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

City of Lawrence. (Reed.) (Dec.) This I consider is the best yellow decorative dahlia I have yet seen. The flowers are mammoth in size and was the deepest flower grown at Storrs trial gardens in 1923, scoring 88 points. Color is picric yellow shading to lemon yellow. Stems may droop slightly from the weight of the heavy blooms but they are stout and hold the flowers well above the foliage of a strong, vigorous plant that is a constant bloomer. Tubers \$4.00. Plants \$2.00.

Charles Stratton. (Chester-F & M.) A wonderful exhibition variety decorative, fluffy formation of a beautiful blending of pale gold to old rose on outer petals. Very stiff up-right stem. This dahlia has been awarded sixteen prizes in New Jersey for size and artistic coloring. Profuse bloomer. Tubers \$4.00. Plants \$2.00.

Cream King. This is often classed as a Peony, but with me a very large percentage of the blooms come perfect Decorative. The color is as the name indicates, a soft cream. It is of immense size, blooms freely, and is supported by the best of stems. Tubers 75 cents.

C. P. R. (Dec.) (Brock.) An immense flower, color is a buff yellow with magenta shadings. A very handsome flower and one that is well liked. A good grower on good stems, a fine bloomer. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Dr. Tevis. (Dec.) Enormous flowers, measuring nine to eleven inches, on large erect stems. Color, a beautiful shade of salmon rose suffused with old gold shading to apricot. Tubers \$1.00.

Daddy Butler. (H. C.) This dahlia has the appearance of a variegated bloom, but it is not. Color is of the American Beauty rose shade, the reverse of petals is a lighter tint, giving a variation of color. No other Dahlia like it. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

Dr. Walter Van Fleet. (Stillman.) (H. C.) Color, beautiful deep rose pink. Inner petals clouded light cream. The whole Dahlia presents shadings of the Dr. Van Fleet rose. A massive flower with twisting petals. A tall plant. Tubers \$1.00.

Elsie Oliver. (H. C.) If you can visualize an enormous creamy pink hybrid Cactus, this is Elsie Oliver. As nearly as we can describe the coloring, it is a creamy pink shading to cream in the center. But while the color is an exquisite feature, a blossom of any color would be a prize winner with its immense size and formation. Tubers \$2.00.

El Dorado. (Dec.) This new origination of Bessie Boston's, is an immense blossom of pure gold, deepening in the center. A color much in demand. This exceptionally fine Dahlia stands well out of the foliage, on strong, erect stems, making it an excellent cut flower as well as exhibition variety. One of the best dahlias introduced last season. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Ellinor Vanderveer. (Dec.) (Jessie Seal) An incomparable dahlia of exquisite beauty and great size, having every desirable quality. The large blossoms are of a glowing, satiny, rose pink. The flowers are of great depth and substance, and are held far above a tall, sturdy bush, on exceptionally long, stiff stems. One of the very first to bloom in our garden, making it very desirable where the blooming season is short. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Estelle Christy. (Show.) The best yellow show Dahlia which we have ever grown. The color is a very bright lemon yellow. Blossoms are extra large and are borne on long rugged stems. \$1.00 each.

Elsie Daniels. (H. C.) (Meachen & Sherman.) A new introduction for 1925. Received a certificate of merit. The color of this wonderful dahlia is a pale violet orchid shade on the outer petals which are long and shaggy, the centre ones are white, making a most wonderful combination of colors. The habits of the plant are all that could be desired. It grows about four feet tall and the stems are strong enough to hold extra large flowers erect above the foliage. Tubers \$3.50. Plants \$1.75.

Esther Hunt. (H. C.) A well defined type, it should not vary wherever grown. The large blooms are composed of long, well rolled petals with serrated tips. The centers might be said to be perpetually perfect, for it remains closed the entire season, so late blossoms are as good as the first. Even when the flower has faded, and the outer petals are falling, this hybrid cactus never shows center. The vivid colored flowers of oriental orange makes a most striking bouquet. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Elberon Beauty. (Fisher & Masson.) (Dec.) As its name indicates, a beauty, a large exhibition flower of soft apricot shading to a slightly darker tone towards center of flower, held erect on a long cane-like stem. Tubers \$1.00.

Elia Clarke Bull. (Bessie Boston.) (Dec.) Easily the very best white that has ever been sent from California, and probably the best white in existence. The flowers are large, of splendid formation, stem and growth perfect. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

"Eva Williams." (Dec.) (Fisher & Masson.) An improved "E. T. Bedford", a flower of immense size carried on the stiffest of stems. Color is amethyst with slight silvery shadings. The plant is a strong vigorous grower and a very free bloomer of full centered exhibition flowers. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Ethel M. (H. C.) (Reed.) The plant is always covered with large blooms of the most pleasing and attractive shade of glowing amaranth pink at the base of the large, perfectly quilled petals, gradually shading lighter at the tips, with white center. The color is difficult to describe; it is a shade that fascinates. The formation of the flowers are perfect, the petals are very long. This dahlia was awarded a Certificate of Merit at the American Dahlia Society's trial garden at Storrs, Conn., 1923, scoring 88 points. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

Eva Cole. (Dec.) (Murphy.) Unusually large. Splendid built, bright clean, red and gold flower. Plant is a tall vigorous grower, blooms are of very artistic formation making a great exhibition flower. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

Emma Marie. (Dahliadel.) A favorite Hybrid Cactus because of its pleasing shade of clear pink with a creamy white center, and its combination of exhibition and commercial qualities not found in many dahlias. It is a robust grower, producing deep, full-centered blooms averaging eight inches in diameter on three to four foot stems in ordinary field culture. Grow it and you will love it—so will all who see it. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

Eastern Star. (Dec.) (Dahliadel.) This dahlia scored 87 Exhibition and 88 Commercial at the Dahlia Society of N. J. Trial Grounds, being second to Emma Marie. Color a soft saffron yellow with old gold shadings. Flowers of great substance and good keeping qualities, with full centers held on strong erect stems. Excellent bush growth, and free flowering. Grows ten inches without forcing. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Faith Garibaldi. (Dec.) (B. Boston.) The gold medal dahlia introduced by Bessie Boston in 1925. This immense deep rose decorative is a flower of great substance and of perfect formation, it does not require heavy disbudding for immense blooms. The stem is exceptionally strong and carries the flower high above the foliage, the blossoms last indefinitely on the bush and nearly a week in the house. This dahlia has won many prizes in different parts of the country. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Francis Lobdell. (Waite.) (Hybrid Cactus.) New variety, like all good varieties this one has to be seen to be appreciated. The plants will stand without staking and are completely covered with large blooms from early until late. Color is mallow pink shading to white in the center; received certificate at A. D. S. trial gardens 1922. A splendid introduction. Tubers \$2.00.

Giant Ruby. (Dec.) (Greinberg.) Beautiful vivid red—classed as the best red dahlia, enormous flower with full center, good stem. Excellent for exhibition, also garden decoration. Greatly admired by all. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Harry Sheldon Jr. (Dec.) Murphy's masterpiece. The cleanest, classiest, largest and handsomest pink and white flower, regardless of class ever put on the market. Will grow 12 inches across, 5 to 6 inches deep. Petals are 2 inches wide. Very long, and the flower opens very fast, long before the back gives away, which means the greatest of all exhibition flowers. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

Hav-a-Lock Noontide. (Fish.) Another wonderful stemmed Decorative Dahlia of brightest orange red, tinged and streaked with yellow. Averages seven and one half inches—produced a number of nine inch flowers last season in the hands of my customers. Tall grower and great bloomer. Tubers \$2.00.

Jersey's Beacon. (Dec.) (Waite.) New—Chinese scarlet with a paler reverse, giving a two toned effect, very large flower, vigorous grower, and with a good stem. Winner of the silver medal, for the best new variety, at New York. Tubers, \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Jersey's Jewel. (Dec.) (Waite.) Mallow pink, very large long petaled flowers on good stems. A splendid exhibition variety, won for the best and largest flowers in many of the shows the past season. Certificated A. D. S., 1923. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Jersey's Matchless. (Dec.) (Waite.) New—Golden buff, large flower borne on splendid stems, well above the foliage. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Jersey's Sovereign. (Dec.) (Waite.) New—A new shade of color, and hard to describe, it is a self color, and the nearest I can come to it with the help of Ridgeway's chart is Salmon Orange. A vigorous grower with very dark foliage, flowers of good size and on good stems. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.



The Finest Pink Dahlia In Existence.

Jersey's Beauty. (Waite.) (Dec.) The finest true pink decorative dahlia yet produced, not a shade of lavender, but a clear eosine pink with tips of petals slightly touched with gold. "Jersey's Beauty" is indeed an appropriate name for this grand variety, large flowers of perfect form on stiff stems three to four feet long hold the flowers high above a strong vigorous plant. Winner of several gold medals the past season and winner of the highest award at Storrs, Conn., scoring 91 points. Tubers, \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

Jersey's Radiant. (H.C.) (Waite.) Bitter sweet orange, large flowers produced on long stiff brown stems well above the foliage. A very attractive variety. Certificated A. D. S., 1923. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Jersey's Mammoth. (H. C.) (Waite.) Truly a monster. Color is a rich golden mahogany. This variety has won many prizes for the largest dahlia in the show, many blooms measuring twelve inches, it is just as attractive in the garden as in the exhibition hall. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Judge Marean. (Decorative.) A well known exhibition variety; it is a beautiful combination of colors, almost indescribable. A fine grower and a free bloomer. Tubers \$1.00.

John Lewis Childs. One of the best fancy Novelties. Yellow, suffused, splashed and striped with brilliant scarlet, and generally tipped white. Bi-colored Dahlias occasionally have a flower of solid color. In this case the red blossom is often tipped white. Immense size; stiff stem; lasting cut-flower. Tubers \$1.00.

Jim George. (Dec.) (Murphy.) A very fine dark garnet flower with a bright glistening sheen. A beautiful built flower; good stems, plant and foliage; flowers bloom freely above the plant. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Kittie Dunlap. (Dec.) (Bessie Boston.) A delightful new shade of American Beauty Rose, having excellent keeping qualities, long firm stems, immense size, and perfect formation. We consider this beautiful Dahlia one of the best. Tubers \$1.00.

Kohinoor. (H. C.) (Bessie Boston.) An immense deep blossom of perfect hybrid cactus type. The petals roll closely and form a magnificent incurved flower. The color is a deep velvety maroon and at times is nearly black. Foliage is a pleasing dark green. Blossoms freely from early to late season and flowers retain their centers. While this flower is exceptionally fine for exhibiting, its stiff stems make it an ideal cut flower as well as most ornamental in a garden. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

King Tut. (Dec.) (Seal.) An extra large blossom of rich dark velvety glowing crimson burgandy of fine formation and closed centers throughout the season. The large fine blossoms of great substance are held high above strong medium tall bushes on long stiff stems. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Lolita Velasco. (H. C.) The most perfect white Cactus, the petals are extremely long and straight, the center excellent and size immense; stems long and stiff holding flowers well up on a strong, sturdy plant. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

Mrs. E. P. Judd. (Dec.) (Jost) Carmine and rose suffused with cream, a very large handsome flower carried on a good strong stem. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

Margaret Masson. (F. & M.) (Dec.) This dahlia immediately attracted the attention of all who visited our garden on account of its beautiful silvery rose pink color, great depth and size. It is a wonderful exhibition flower on account of its fine keeping qualities and fine upright stem. Notwithstanding its size, it is a profuse bloomer. It has received many awards and last season was awarded a certificate of merit by the Dahlia Society of New Jersey. Tubers \$4.00. Plants \$2.00.

Mrs. Eleanor Martin. (Dec.) (Pelicano.) One of the finest dahlias introduced last season. Blooms are very large on long stiff stems. The form of the flower is of the best exhibition type, in fact it combines all the good points which go to make a perfect decorative. The color is a beautiful mulberry suffused with gold. Tubers \$3.50. Plants \$1.75.

Mrs. Geo. C. Meachen. (Dec.) A new decorative that is sure to be a winner. The face of the flower is iridescent shadings of picric yellow and corinthian pink with a deep rose back. All together it is a very delicate and wonderful color. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

M. H. DeYoung. (Dec.) Pure, old gold, with scarcely any variation in color except perhaps the center is illuminated with a slightly brighter shade. The first flowers do not perceptibly vary from the last ones in coloring. Always a mass of immense deep blossoms, which are borne high on absolutely stiff stems, which have pleasing habit of growing well out of the foliage. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

Myra Valentine. (Dec.) This Dahlia was much admired at all the shows last season. It won numerous awards and certificates. It is a large golden bronze with fine long stems holding the large flowers erect. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

Mrs. I. deVer Warner. (Dec.) Without a doubt this is the finest and best Dahlia that has ever been introduced; everyone who has seen it growing pronounced it the acme of perfection. Its size is impressive, both in its flowers and stems. In color it is a deep mauve pink, some might describe it as a cattleya color. Splendid for exhibition and for garden. Tubers \$1.00.

Marion McCreedy. Large flowers of perfect form of an intense velvety crimson shading to a carmine red toward the outer petals; fine grower and very free flowering. Tubers \$2.00.

Mariposa. (H. C.) Bessie Boston's 1922 introduction. Beautiful large flower of a most delicate shade of true pink, shading very deep to the center with a violet suffusion. Perfectly stiff, erect stems. Very floriferous and a good keeper. Perfect Hybrid Cactus formation. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

Mr. Alex Waldie. (Dec.) I regard this as one of the most beautiful decorative Dahlias; the flowers are large, held above the foliage on fine stems, and the coloring is unsurpassed, a creamy ground overlaid with delicate salmon-pink. Tubers \$1.50.

Mrs. Carl Salbach. The 1920 sensational decorative Dahlia of great size which has been a success throughout the entire country. Mauve pink in color, showing up well in the garden. The immense blooms are held erect on extra long, strong stems. A perfect exhibition as well as cut-flower. The best in its color for the florist trade. Tubers 75c.

Mabel Thatcher. (Dec.) Large flowers of a pale yellow shade, are borne on stiff, strong stems, they are of the finest type and considered the highest perfection attained in this shade. Tubers \$1.00.

Mrs. John L. Gardner. (H. C.) (Fisher & Masson.) A large bi-color exhibition hybrid cactus of dazzling brilliancy. Blood red petals tipped pure white, full to the center and borne on a long stiff stem well above the foliage. This dahlia has been awarded a silver medal for best two-year old seedling, and gold medal for best three-year old by popular vote of the members of the Trenton Dahlia Society. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

Mrs. George A. Sexton. (Dec.) (Fish.) On first opening the bud of this remarkable flower is a velvety darkest (almost black) maroon which with age gradually grows lighter to a rich crimson maroon shading to a plum purple, with lighter purple veining on the reverse petals, has a nice twist to the petals which are wonderfully broad, and average 4½ to 5 inches long. The flower will average 9 to 10 inches diameter and is of nice depth, borne on remarkable stiff stems of good length. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Nichu. (H. C.) (Bessie Boston.) An extremely large light sulphur yellow of perfect formation. The flowers have fine long stiff stems and remarkable keeping qualities. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

Miss America. (H. C.) (Wolfrum.) In color Miss America is a rich orange buff. Blending toward the center. Lemon chrome. The long petals are wavy twisted and curled, color on the reverse, light jasper red, adding richness and beauty to this autumn shaded dahlia. The plant is a strong grower, rich dark green foliage. The flowers are large and borne in great profusion on stiff, straight wiry stems. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Mordella. (Dec.) (King.) A real art dahlia of a beautiful shade of apricot buff. Those who are fond of the Autumn hues will find in this dahlia a rare quality of distinguished beauty. Flowers are large and held well above the foliage on graceful long stems. Plants are strong, vigorous, profuse bloomers. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

Manataug. (Dec.) (Symonds.) A wonderful new Decorative, that has all the characteristics of a winner. The color is a rich "American Beauty Rose" crimson, darkening slightly at the center, and intensified by a glorious glistening sheen. The flowers grow very large without disbudding, on stems that often reach two feet in length. Ideal as a cut flower, as it stands up well when cut. Tubers \$3.50. Plants \$1.75.

Mercedes. (C.) (Bessie Boston) New American type of cactus with a straight stem. It is a very gay and entrancing flower of creamy yellow suffused with sunset pink. The reverse of the straight petals is splashed with deeper pink. Flower is exhibition size. One of the earliest and freest bloomers. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

Marion Weller. (Dec.) (Harding) A real fine dahlia true to type, extra large flower carried on long straight stems. Color of a most pleasing shade of soft pink, very free bloomer. Height about 5 feet. Tubers \$1.00.

Nazareno. (Dec.) (Jost.) A beautiful new dahlia that is bound to become popular, for it has so many good qualities, a free bloomer, large flowers on long stiff stems, a perfect keeper when cut, as a color it is the nearest thing to a purple that I know of, and was a big attraction at the N. Y. Show where it looked just as good the last day of the show as it did when cut four days before. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

"Our Country." (Dec.) (Stillman.) The color combination of this wonderful, new decorative Dahlia is superior to anything produced in a dahlia. The ground or main color is a very deep purple while

the florets are heavily tipped pure white. It is truly a mammoth and the formation is truly wonderful. It is a very deep, heavy flower with a never failing center. The colors run very uniform. It has never been known to produce solid purple, or white flowers as in many cases with variegated dahlias. Tubers \$4.00. Plants \$2.00.

Pcp Stewart. (F. & M.) (Giant Decorative.) This is a remarkable flower of great size. In the young state the petals appear rosy pink but as it matures the flower undergoes a complete transformation, toning out into a most exquisite shade of the purest lilac-pink. First prize for largest flower in Montclair Show, N. J. We can recommend it as one of the finest Dahlias of its shade in existence. It is a wonderful grower, with splendid stem. Awarded Certificate of Merit, trial gardens, Dahlia Society of New Jersey, scoring 90 points. Tubers \$4.00. Plants \$2.00.

Pclar Snow. The late Judge Marean's sensational pure white decorative, a handsome full deep blossom on a fine long stem, is sure to become very popular, extra strong healthy plant. Tubers \$4.00. Plants \$2.00.

Paul Revere. (Dec.) (Bissell.) This is the best dahlia of the color I have ever seen to date. The flowers are large, full centered, and of good depth, and are a rich crimson color, overlaid with a brilliant scarlet satiny sheen. Flowers of this Dahlia are about as near sun proof as any in existence, never showing more than the slightest trace of burning, even in the hottest weather, and then only on the old petals that are falling. Tubers \$3.50. Plants \$1.75.

Papillon. (H. C.) This large flower is a beautiful shade of old rose with golden lights. One of the most incessant bloomers I grew this season. Stems are long and strong and carry the flower well. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

President Wilson. Large flowers of the finest form, there is nothing in its class to compare with it for beauty. Color a carmine red with tips of petals white, a combination of colors that makes a most striking flower, with stems two feet long holding flowers well out from foliage. If you are looking for something fine don't miss this one. Plants only \$1.50.

Princess Pat. This is a giant, decorative dahlia, of splendid form, producing a magnificent flower of old rose color, the blossoms measuring from nine to ten inches in diameter. Tubers \$1.00.

"Radio." (Dec.) (Sampson.) This new variety attracted a great deal of attention in the garden and shows last season. The color blood red edged and tipped yellow, a color combination that attracts immediate attention. The plant is a strong grower and the immense blooms are held erect on stout rigid stems. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

"Robert Treat." (Dec.) (Mueller.) New American beauty dahlia. The outstanding novelty for 1925. It is the most perfect decorative dahlia yet seen, with its long stems and perfect formation and the delightful American Beauty Rose color of this Dahlia has made it a consistent prize winner, being awarded the Robert Treat Hotel Silver Cup, Newark, N. J., 1923, and the Garden Magazine Sweepstake at the great New York Show, 1924, and also silver medal Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Philadelphia, 1924. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Rollo Boy. (H. C.) (Pelicano.) Delicate shade of amber, shading to old gold. A strong growing plant of medium height, producing large flowers in great profusion, on the best of stems. A leading prize winner. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Rebecca Atkinson. (Cac.) (Murphy.) An American cactus of great beauty. A perfect spike petal, intense pink flower with white center, great cut flower and exhibition variety. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Sagamore. (Dec.) (Kirby.) A rich amber gold shading toward the center, salmon rose or orange buff. I consider this the best dahlia of its color yet produced. The plants are strong and vigorous, very free bloomers of large flowers on the best of stems; a consistent prize winner at all the shows. Tubers \$3.50. Plants \$1.75.

Sanhican's Ruby. (Fisher & Masson.) A color and bloom that are sure to succeed on the exhibition table. Color is deep shade of "Pigeon's blood" suffused with bronze. Petals fluffy and pointed thickly placed to form a very full flower. Has tremendous size and fine stem. Tubers \$1.50. Plants \$1.00.

Sanhican's Blue Bird. (Fisher & Masson.) A fine exhibition type of decorative, low growing bushes laden with flowers from early to late, color a beautiful violet blue, as near a blue dahlia as any yet introduced. Beautiful lacy foliage and good stem. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.



Sanhican's Gem. (Fisher & Masson) A grand specimen of a giant decorative. Color is a delightful shade of old rose, thickly suffused with amber in the young state, at maturity it is a clear old rose shade; petals are large and thickly placed, a true stag-horn type. Tubers \$3.50. Plants \$1.75.

Sisikyou. (H. C.) Pink-tinged mauve, huge flowers which created a sensation wherever shown. The plants are sturdy and vigorous and the flowers are held erect on strong stems. This dahlia invariably won first prize for largest bloom at the shows last season. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Sunny South. (H. C.) This is one of the finest pure yellow Dahlias to date; it is a bright, clear yellow without any shading, the blossoms are immense in size, fine form and very deep in the center. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Susan G. Tevis. (Dec.) (Bessie Boston.) This beautiful variety should fill a long-felt want, for there has been a need for some years for a lilac blue flower. This decorative has a distinctive new color tone, best described as a deep shade of lilac with a bluish green. The blossoms are regularly formed of narrow, flat pointed petals. It is a very large, graceful bloom, of fine depth. A very vigorous grower of dark, bronze foliage, which makes a striking contrast to the dark lilac flowers. Held on best of stems well above the plant. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

Shudow's Lavender. (Dec.) A beautiful silvery lavender slightly shading to white. In hot weather the white will be more marked, but as the season advances will almost entirely disappear. The stem is perfect, the size is large, and it will bloom constantly throughout the season. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

"Sun-Maid" (H. C.) (Shacher.) The color is a beautiful soft blending of orange and gold. The erect bushes produce an abundance of bloom, which are extreme in size and perfect in form throughout the entire season. The flower has great depth and is carried on extra long stiff stems. Winner of many awards. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

The General. (Dec.) (Meachen & Sherman.) A deep garnet flower of unusual size with a silvery white reverse, the combination forming a blossom of remarkable beauty and charm. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

The Bashful Giant. (Marean.) (Decorative.) This is unquestionably the largest flowering Dahlia ever produced, the gigantic blooms are excellent for exhibition not only on account of its great size, but for its beautiful color, being an apricot with golden shadings. Should be in every Dahlia lover's collection. Tubers \$2.00.

The Giantess. (Dec.) (Marean.) A very pleasing shade of amber on fine stems, neck slightly turned, an immense thick bloom. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

- Trentonian.** (Fisher & Masson.) A giant decorative dahlia of a shade that appeals and captivates at one glance, and is really symbolic of Autumn. The color is that of an "Indian's Skin," a wonderful blending of old gold, amber and coppery bronze, the whole forming a flower of marvelous brilliancy, with a center zone of reddish bronze. The petals are broad and well placed with the appearance of velvet and constitution of leather, making a flower of great lasting qualities. This flower is highly recommended either for garden or exhibition for its size, stem and grand color. Awarded Certificate of Merit, trial gardens of Dahlia Society of N. J., scoring 89 points, 1924. Tubers \$3.50. Plants \$1.75.
- Tommy Atkins.** (D.) A 1923 introduction of Bessie Boston. A large, bold yet graceful flower of bright scarlet red on extra good stems. A fine all-purpose flower and one that we recommend. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.
- "Tillamook."** (Dec.) (Broomall.) Canary yellow; magnificent in form and very large; produces blooms 8 inches in diameter. Plant strong and robust; flowers are borne on stiff stems that hold them erect. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.
- The Wizard of Oz.** (Dec.) Has a slight tendency toward the "cactus" type, famous for beauty of color, for its hardy upright growth and its remarkable size. The color is a rare shade of glowing amber pink, or soft salmon shades. It is a Dahlia difficult to describe. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.
- The Meadow Lark.** (Dec.) (Burns.) This dahlia is quite different from most novelties and sure to become very popular in color. It has shadings of buff and straw with reverse side of florets darker. The buds are long and rather pointed and the fully expanded flower is of large size and good keeping quality. The stems are extra long and straight, with splendid foliage. Tubers \$2.00.
- Wonderland.** (H. C.) (Bissell, 1925.) This is one of the most distinct Dahlias in existence, for both form and color. Flowers are very large, and the front of the petals are violet carmine; reverse of petals light rose pink. Petals are twisted and curled giving a fluffy ruffles effect, that is unique, and exceedingly handsome two tone effect. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.
- Warren's Jumbo.** (Dec.) One of the largest and brightest dahlias—10 inch flowers, of a beautiful golden orange color. This variety has everything to commend it to the grower that is looking for a Dahlia that has stem, size and color, combined with a perfect habit. Has been a big sensation where ever shown and always will be in great demand among exhibitors. Plants \$3.50.

White Sister. (H. C.) (Originated by Mrs. Stout.) Considered the finest white Hybrid Cactus ever introduced. The blossoms are large on fine stems, the plant is a strong, vigorous grower and a very free bloomer. One of the most admired Dahlias I grew last season. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

World's Best White. (Dec.) After introducing a number of fine white Dahlias Mr. Murphy claims this is his best white. It certainly is a wonder for bloom, size, stem, quality and everything to be desired, as a bloomer it is the best white I grow. Tubers \$4.00. Plants \$2.00.

Winfield Slocombe. (Dec.) The most beautiful orange colored Dahlia to date. The center a beautiful golden shading to burnt orange, giving the entire flower a unique and handsome color. Perfect 'n form, color, stem and foliage. Produces an abundance of blooms early and late. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

Zante. (H. C.) (Bessie Boston.) Another gold, but decidedly different, as it is heavily suffused with apricot pink. The center is of the deeper shading. The coloring remains true all season but the gold deepens as the season advances. The blooms are very deep and very large. The stem is stiff and holds the flower erect. This is a perfect type of hybrid cactus. The blossom is built of heavy, evenly rolled petals, which run to a point at the tips. Never shows an open centre. Bushes are always covered with flowers. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

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A young bulb of medium size is most valuable, and old worn out bulbs of any size are practically worthless.

Any time from April 20th to June 15th, plant the bulbs right side up in single or double rows in deep furrows, leaving three inches space between the bulbs.

Do not plant in a shady location and do not allow fresh stable manure in contact with the bulbs. A sandy loam is ideal. Three to four inches of soil over the bulbs will keep them cool and moist and help to hold the stalks erect without the use of stakes.

If the spike is wanted for market or indoor use cut it off eight or ten inches from the ground, the morning after the first bud opens.

From the first to the middle of October in this locality is a good time to dig the bulbs, cutting off the old stalk and after drying out pull off the old corm with the roots, spread out 3 or 4 inches deep in shallow boxes. If kept too warm or too damp they sprout in storage. Forty to forty-five degrees is best.

Water Nymph. (Hughes.) A new Super-Glad which I introduced last season. I am sure all who try it will be more than satisfied. Mr. Chas. E. F. Gersdorf of Washington, D. C., has rated Water Nymph 93 exhibition and commercial. Color seashell pink tinted rose on edges. Bases apricot yellow stippled pomegranate purple, form wide orchid to wide Lily, with tips reflexing. A very fine glad. Large bulbs \$2.50 each.

Albania. (Kemp.) This is the most pleasing white variety we have yet seen. The flower is wide open, four inches and over in diameter, petals are broad, with well rounded tips and beautifully crimped edges, making a beautiful finish. The background is of the purest glistening white, with very faint light pink mottling, which is noticeable only on close observation. To all intents and purposes it is a pure white. 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen.

Byron L. Smith. A delicate shade of lavender-pink on a white ground—a combination which equals in beauty many of the choice orchids. Spikes are long, giving the variety added value as a cut flower. 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen.

Catharina. Wonderful grayish light blue, lower petals a little deeper blue with brownish red spot. A very attractive variety. 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen.

Crimson Glow. By far the finest of all large flowered, dark red or crimson, varieties, of branching habit, tall grower. While the individual flowers are very large they are exceptionally well placed and not coarse. Should be in every collection. 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen.

Conspicuous. Beautiful grey blue, with darker throat markings and a fine penciling of yellow. Very attractive. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

Dawn. (Gröff.) Strong, vigorous grower. Flowers salmon shading to very light; claret stain in throat. Extra fine. 25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.

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Europa. Snowy white, without any color mark whatever. Large, flowers, compactly placed, and many open. One of the finest whites in existence. Especially valuable for florist's work. 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen.

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Gold. Pure golden yellow, throat a shade deeper, slightly dotted and streaked, almost self-color. Large flowers, many open at one time and perfectly placed. A grand variety. 25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.

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L'Immaculle. Pure white variety of strong robust growth, very tall and would recommend it to those who do not succeed with the Europa. 10 cents each; \$1.00 per dozen.

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Mary Fennell. We think this to be one of the very choicest of all Gladioli. Tall, strong grower; beautiful soft lavender, with cream blotches on lower petals and throat; an extra choice blending of colors. 15 cents each; \$1.50 per dozen.

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